

26 April 1951

MINUTES  
TWENTY-FIRST MEETING OF SIC

5 April 1951  
1000 Hours at "M" Building  
Room 2519

PRESENT:

Dr. H. Marshall Chadwell, CIA (Chairman)  
Dr. Malcolm C. Henderson, AEC  
Col. Lester S. Harris, USAF  
Mr. A. Sidney Buford, III, State  
Col. Lewis B. Ely, Army (Ad Hoc Member)  
Lt. Col. John P. Merrill (Army Alternate)

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Cdr. H. C. Lawder, Navy  
[REDACTED] (Secretary)

ITEM 1 - Minutes of the 20th Meeting, SIC 3/20 (Approved by telephone on or before 19 March 1951)

The Chairman suggested that on page 2, second paragraph - the first sentence be amended to read:

"The motion was seconded by the Air Force member...."

The Navy member suggested correction to the first line of the last paragraph to change the word "Chairman" to "Chairmen".

The corrections were approved.

ITEM 2 - Motion to Abolish Certain Working Committees:

At the 20th meeting on 8 March 1951:

a. The Army member moved that:

(1) The committees noted below be abolished herewith and that the secretary send out appropriate notifications to this effect to the committee members and interested agencies:

Joint Anti-Aircraft Intelligence Committee (JAAIC)  
Joint Aircraft Intelligence Committee (JACIC)  
Joint Chemical Warfare Intelligence Committee (JCWIC)  
Joint Electronics Intelligence Committee (JEIC)

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b. At the suggestion of the Air Force member the motion was amended to include that:

(1) The remaining committees as noted below be continuously studied to determine whether they should or should not remain under the jurisdiction of the SIC:

Joint Biological Warfare Intelligence Committee (JBWIC)  
Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee (JAEIC)  
Joint SOVMAT Intelligence Committee (JSMIC)  
Joint Medical Sciences Intelligence Committee (JMSIC)

The Chairman asked each member if he wished to comment prior to voting on the motion. The Air Force member then distributed a paper on the subject, a copy of which is attached. Considerable discussion ensued after which the members voted on the motion as follows:

In favor of the motion:

Col. Harris, Department of the Air Force  
Col. Merrill, Department of the Army  
Cdr. Lawder, Department of the Navy

Opposed to the motion:

Dr. Henderson, Atomic Energy Commission  
Mr. Buford, Department of State  
Dr. Chadwell, Central Intelligence Agency

The Chairman advised the members that the divided vote makes it necessary to refer the matter to the DCI, pursuant to paragraph 7, DCI 3/3.

The SIC adjourned to its next regular meeting, scheduled for 1000 a.m., 10 May 1951 in Room 2519 "M" Building.

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Secretary, SIC

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